

**A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING**  
**Christ the King Sunday - November 22, 2009 – 11AM**

Welcome Pastor John Benson

Families with children are welcome in worship.  
Nursery care is also available for infants and toddlers  
downstairs throughout the service

Prelude Sandra Benson, Organist  
Becky Ericson, Pianist

*Now Thank We All Our God - Cruger*

\*Call to Worship Colossians 2:6-7; 3:12-17

\*Hymn 654

*Come, You Thankful People, Come*

\*Opening Prayer

\*The Lord's Prayer

The Scripture Lesson Revelation 1:4b-8

+The children's bulletin's for today are based on this passage +

\*Hymn 271, Stanzas 1,4

*Rejoice, the Lord is King!*

Our Life Together: Announcements and Prayer Requests

+ *Children age 3 to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are excused for Junior Jamboree* +

Offertory

\*Hymn 48

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

\*Prayer of Dedication

Hymnal No. 900

\*Hymn 657

*Thanks to God for My Redeemer*

Sermon

Deuteronomy 7:9 NLT

**A FOOTHOLD FOR GIVING THANKS**

A covenant between God and his people is an agreement  
In which God promises his care and faithfulness  
As his people respond in faithful obedience.

*“Understand, therefore, that the Lord your God is indeed God.  
He is the faithful God who keeps his covenant for a  
thousand generations and lavishes his unfailing love  
on those who love him and keep his commands.”*

\*Hymn 31

*Now Thank We All Our God*

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

\*Those who are able please stand.

**Welcome!** Whether this is your first time with us, a return visit, or something you do every Sunday, we're happy that you're here! Please fill out the Home Page insert in this bulletin, including your address and prayer requests, and make it part of your offering this morning. The offering is an opportunity to share financially in the ministries and mission of this congregation – if you're a visitor or a newcomer, as our guest you are under no obligation to participate. We hope to see you again soon!

## SERVING TODAY

Greeter: None Scheduled  
Ushers: Aaron Knowles  
Reader: None Scheduled  
Nursery/Assistant: Kristin Zeman  
Sound Tech: None Scheduled  
Snack: Zeman Family

## SERVING NEXT WEEK: November 29

Greeter: To Be Announced  
Ushers: To Be Announced  
Reader: To Be Announced  
Nursery/Assistant: Claire Bentley  
Sound Tech: To Be Announced  
Snack: Betty Sloat

## Birthdays and Anniversaries Celebrated this week:

Monday Bob Ericson  
Sunday Robert Hamilton, Jon Ericson,  
Jennifer (Kalis) Harriman

## When you come to church on Sunday, remember to . . .

*Bring your Bibles* – It's not all in the bulletin

*Bring canned goods* for outreach to those in need through the food pantries at ECHO and Rising Hope

*Bring change* for the change box to fund capital improvements

*Bring a dollar or two* to help our Youth Group support Yohannes Makalew, our Compassion International sponsored child in Indonesia

## COMMUNITY COVENANT CHURCH

*Celebrating our 37<sup>th</sup> year of Ministry*

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*Our mission as a congregation is calling people from this community and around the world into communion with Christ. Our communion with him and with each other grows as we enter into the promises and challenges that a covenant with Christ includes.*

## THIS WEEK

**Today** 9:30 AM Sunday School  
11:00 AM Worship Service  
**2:00 PM CROP Walk** – see Mary Hamilton for details

**Tuesday** 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study  
**7:30 PM Community Thanksgiving Service**  
Silverbrook United Methodist Church  
8616 Silverbrook Road, Lorton

**Thursday** **Thanksgiving Day**  
*O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good  
His love endures forever!*

## Next Sunday, November 22

9:30 AM Sunday School  
11:00 AM The Service of Worship  
Lighting of the 1<sup>st</sup> Advent Candle

**Remember that this building is regularly used** by many other groups. If you are planning an activity, please check the complete calendar in the church office and contact Aaron Knowles, our Administrative Assistant, before scheduling an event. Aaron can be reached by calling the church office or 703-425-5633. The deadline for bulletin announcements is 9 AM Friday.

## Scripture Lessons to read for Sunday, November 29:

Jeremiah 33:14-16	A Righteous Branch
Psalms 25:1-10	A Psalm of David
1 Thess. 3:9-13	Joy we feel for your sake
Luke 21:25-36	Nations in perplexity

**School Supplies for Afghan children** – according to Phil Zeman, who is deployed in Afghanistan, there is a great need! If anyone is interested in donating to a “school supply” care package, please contact Kristin Zeman. Donations can be put in the box next to the credenza.

**The Shack**, by Wm. Paul Young, is the book scheduled for discussion on Sunday, December 6, at 6:30 PM in the church kitchen. A lot of people are reading and talking about this best-selling book and so should you! According to Eugene Peterson, “This book has the potential to do for our generation what John Bunyan’s Pilgrim Progress did for his. It’s that good!” See if you agree – read it and join our conversation about this unusual book which addresses the question: Where is God in a world so filled with unspeakable pain?

**A Sign-up Sheet for Holiday Volunteers** is on the table in the hallway. If you will be here during the Thanksgiving Advent, Christmas, and New Year Holiday Season, we can use you to meet our many volunteer needs on Sunday Morning. Please consider signing up today!

**A Thanksgiving Basket for ECHO** is being put together. Thanks to everyone who brought food items to include in the basket which will be given to a needy family in our area. Financial contributions are also welcome. See Mary Hamilton for details.

**Annual Christmas Dinner!** Save the date – Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. Appetizers are at 5:00 PM, Dinner at 6:00 PM, followed by a special Christmas program. Invite your friends and neighbors. Please sign up today on the poster at the table in the hallway to bring food for our festive holiday gathering.

**In the Covenant Companion:** “The Serious Business of Giving Thanks” – Dick Staub, author of The Culturally Savvy Christian, writes about the discipline of identifying something good in otherwise gloomy circumstances. Subscriptions to our award-winning denominational magazine are \$19.95 a year. Call 773-784-3000.

**Your Covenant World Relief Offering** is an opportunity to love, serve, and work together with the poor, the powerless and the marginalized throughout the world. Your contribution helps to bring relief through relationships and hope through nutrition and microenterprise. Put your offering in one of our special Soup Can Banks (available on the credenza) and bring it forward to the Communion Table any Sunday Morning. Thanksgiving is the traditional time for gathering this offering in the covenant.

**THE 2009 CROP WALK** gets underway this afternoon at 2 PM at Living Lutheran Church on Route 123 in Burke Station. Join your fellow church members and members of many congregations in the area as they walk 4 miles to raise funds to combat world hunger. See Mary Hamilton for details.

**How to contact Pastor Benson:** By phone (703-451-6624; 703-455-4150; 703-505-0626) by mail (6624 Reynard Drive, Springfield, VA 22152) or by email (johnsbenson@hotmail.com). Please get in touch immediately when you or someone in your family is in the hospital, facing surgery or in need of pastoral care.

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***Covenant World Mission Prayer Line: 1-800-FON-PRAY***

**Did you miss last week’s sermon?** Hear it and read the bulletin each week on the church website. It is updated weekly. Please visit us at [www.covenantchurchva.org](http://www.covenantchurchva.org).